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# Top Ten

## Ways to spread a rumor

### 10. Facebook

Start the group "Sarah slept with her professor and still failed." Who wouldn't want to join?

### 9. The bonds of sisterhood

Tell a sorority sister something. Anything.

### 8. On the radio

Write a song to be played on KURE. "Jimmy's a One Minute Man" is an instant classic.

### 7. Advertise

Take an ad out in Ethos. We don't mind stirring things up a little (or the money).

### 6. Drinking helps

A sign at the Keg Shop that reads "Kegs now have a computer chip in them for tracking purposes."

### 5. Go airborne

Fly a plane around with a banner. "John Neal is leaving early for the NBA draft," would cause a stir.

### 4. Teamwork

Put it in Iowa State's football playbook. In twenty minutes, the whole Big 12 will spread your rumor.

### 3. Graffiti

Spray paint the top of the Campanile with the message of your choice.

### 2. With petroleum

Change the '2' to a '7' on the gas sign at Quicktrip. Not many people will be driving for \$7.26 a gallon.

### 1. Old school

Go back to high school.

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## [Obvious Enlightenment]

### Thumbs down

To a "not wet" but "not dry" Veisha. We're so confused...

### Thumbs up

The keg ordinance was unanimously approved by the Ames City Council prompting students to simultaneously cheer the Council on for its successful legislative prowess. (and for all intents and purposes ... a complete waste of time.)

### Thumbs down

It is being proposed that in the City of Ames to instill a 10 feet buffer zone at all strip clubs. How in the world are we going to get our dollar bills to them?

### Thumbs down

Again, Ethos was snubbed by the Pulitzer Prize Award Committee.

### Thumbs up

Buying term papers. Now, when you go to the real world, you will make it easier for the rest of us to get jobs..



# Randumb Facts

**Valentine's Day** is actually a combination of **Christian** and **Pagan** holidays. There were probably **two different** St. Valentines who were put to death in third century and their deaths were celebrated with a feast on **February 14**. The Feast of Lupercalia, an ancient Roman fertility festival held **February 15**. These two celebrations were **merged** into what is now **Valentine's Day**.

When people **fall in love**, their hearts really do beat faster. The body's reaction to being excited, which is a form of **stress**, causes blood pressure to rise.

**Iowa** is a romantic place to be: the Wild **Prairie Rose** is the state flower.

**Tips** for keeping bouquets of flowers from shriveling up: **Keep** your flowers out of the sun or away from heat sources, which tend to dry them out. When you receive fresh flowers, **recut** the stems under water at an angle and keep them in a clean vase. This allows the flower to absorb more water and survive longer.

Those people **without dates** this Valentine's Day shouldn't feel alone. To combat the expectations of romance and relationships, February 14 has also been informally declared **Single's Awareness Day**.

If you believe that **love is murder**, February 14 is also the date of the **St. Valentine's Day Massacre**. In Chicago on Valentine's Day in 1929, Al Capone's gang dressed in police uniforms and used a stolen police car to stage a phony raid on a mob enemy's hideout. Pretending to arrest the rival mobsters, Capone's gang lined seven men up and **executed** them.

## Don't Be The Person Who...

**Turns** his iPod up so loud that you can hear the song, "My Humps," perfectly as you walk to class.

**Trips** while walking to class and tries to save yourself from embarrassment by breaking into a jog while giving a smile and a wink to the ladies.

**Comes** to a party holding up the peace sign with Christmas lights wrapped around his neck, claiming to be "already wasted" since he finished off a case "all by himself" in his dorm room.

**Mass** text messages everyone in her phonebook so that she'll get to answer the fifty responses in front of her classmates. You're not that popular.

**Lifts** 15 pound weights at the rec for two minutes, and then spends another twenty posing in front of the mirror.

**Leaves** wet shoes on while walking around the apartment. People don't like changing socks four times a day.

**Wears** leather belts and boots but doesn't eat a hamburger because you feel bad for the "poor cow."

**Calls** you for a favor. But instead of getting to the point they spend ten minutes of small talk to lead up to the question.

**Wears** a T-Shirt on campus when it's twenty below outside. You aren't gaining respect or impressing the ladies, just making our age group look stupid.

**Claps** in movies. Or even worse, tells the main character, "Don't go in there!"

**Buys** your girlfriend lingerie. That is more like a gift for you. What's next? A vacuum? Satellite sports package? Or how about a gift certificate for two to Dangerous Curves?

## LOVE THE NUMBERS

24.7	Pounds of candy consumed by the average American yearly
22,022	Number of florists nationwide in 2003
61	Percent of men who say they would like to receive flowers
27	African American Percentage of the ISU student body
92	number of B.A.s awarded to African Americans at ISU during 2003-2004
32	Number of African American professors at ISU
7	Number of African American Studies classes offered at ISU

## STORIES [YOU WON'T SEE]

101 ways to spend your next New Year's sober and get that kiss

Basketball team says reason behind success is the male cheerleaders

Ryan Doll shotguns a beer after seeing the results of the election

Ames community embraces students after their return from the Holidays

Haluska to be a Northern Iowa Panther - likes their coaches hair better

Ames Keg Ordinance: Stops underage drinking